[117 cont.] At night they chat [Fig. 45 appears here] and therefore sleep late (4). But they do have time

4. Joest in Baessler, p. 394.

and hence produce things that are not to be despised. Their sphere of activity includes first of all, as everywhere, woodworking, especially the building of houses and boats (5). The

5. Cf. pp. 36 ff., 68 ff.

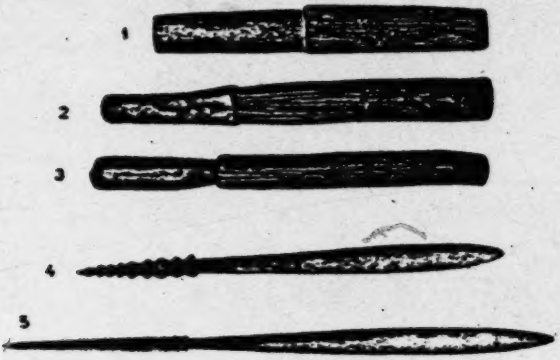

Fig. 45. Tapa implements. 1-3. Tapa beaters of wood (R.-J.-M. 4011, 4015, and 4012, Joest Coll.); 33.5, 40, 40 cm. long. 4 and 5. "Tapa-markers" of wood (two types from the series Berlin VI 16404-16409, Thilenius Coll.; length between 43 and 63 cm.); perhaps yam knives from the Torres Islands.

principal tool is the shell ax (Fig. 46, Nos. 1 and 2) (6), with a

6. Codrington, p. 313. Edge-Partington, I, 162, No. 4.

rotatable mounting and a Tridacna blade tied to it. For polishing a file is used, the friction surface of which consists of the skin of a shark or ray tied over it (Fig. 46, No. 3) (7). Strips of

7. Edge-Partington, I, 163, No. 9.